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# ATRI's Truck-GPS Data for Freight Performance Measurement, Modeling, and Planning

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### ATRI's Truck-GPS Data

### The ATRI-FPM initiative beginning in 2001

- Satellite data from trucking companies who use GPS to monitor their fleet
- Big Data Currently near 100 million data points per day

#### • What is in (or known about) the data?

- GPS data for a large number of trucks
- Spatial and temporal coordinates for every GPS data point

Unique Truck ID	Time/Date Stamp	Latitude	Longitude	Heading	Speed
12232123	05-03-2011 01:55:55	33.915932	-84.494760	North	25

Predominantly FHWA class 8 or above (tractor-trailers 5-axles or more)

#### • What is not in the data?

- Commodity transported, full-load/half-load, # axles, travel purpose or other details of individual trucks
- Non-Disclosure agreements in place with USF





### Freight Performance Measurement







### Convert GPS Data into Truck Trips

- Algorithms to convert raw GPS data into a database of truck trips
- Database of over 2 Million truck trips derived from over 145 Million GPS records
- 1.27 Million trips starting and/or ending in Florida

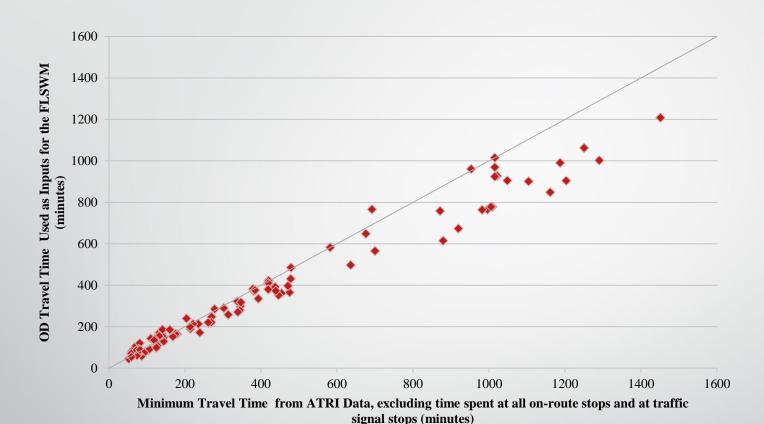
	# GPS records (Millions)	# Trucks (Thousands)	# Trips starting and/or ending in Florida (Thousands)
March 2010	39.0	61.7	340
April 2010	35.7	58.7	320
May 2010	35.1	45.6	306
June 2010	35.2	45.4	305
Total	145 Million GPS records		1.27 Million truck trips

 Information available for each trip: Trip start & end times, distance, travel time, Origin and Destination TAZs based on FL statewide model





### **Truck OD Travel Time Measurement:**



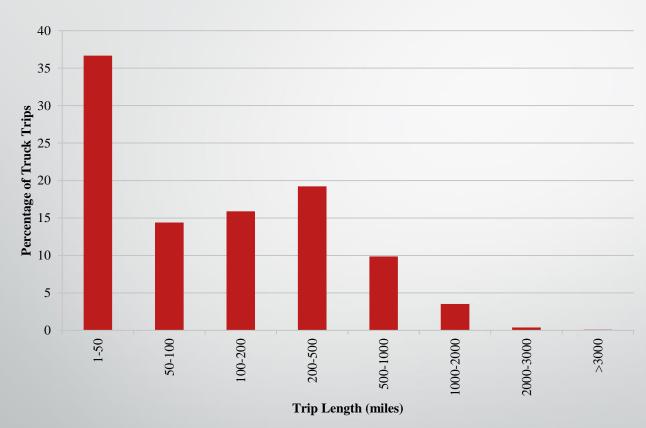
OD travel times used in FL-statewide model (FLSWM) are smaller than those measured using ATRI data, primarily because FLSWM travel times are based on passenger car travel times.

ATRI data can be used to generate better truck travel time information for FLSWM





### Trip Length Distribution

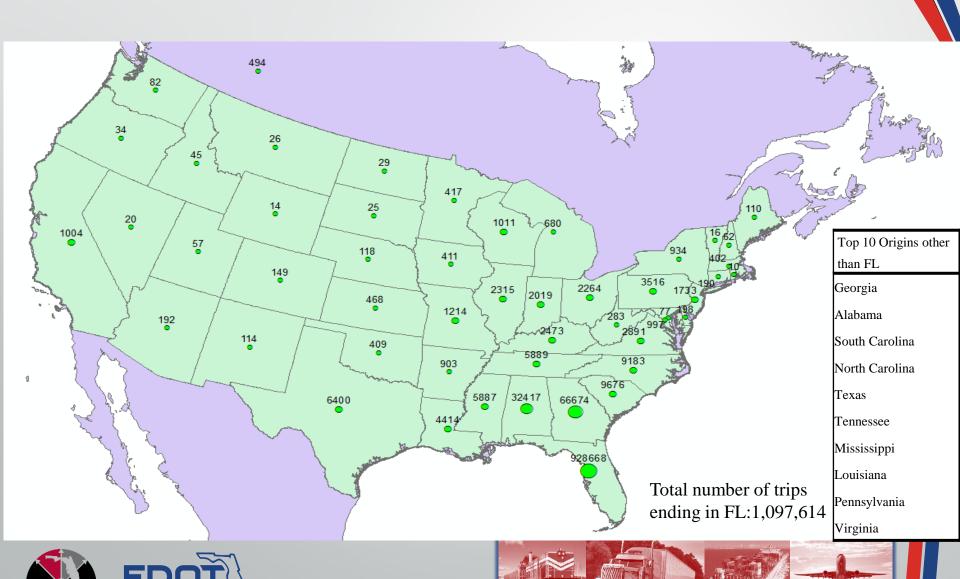


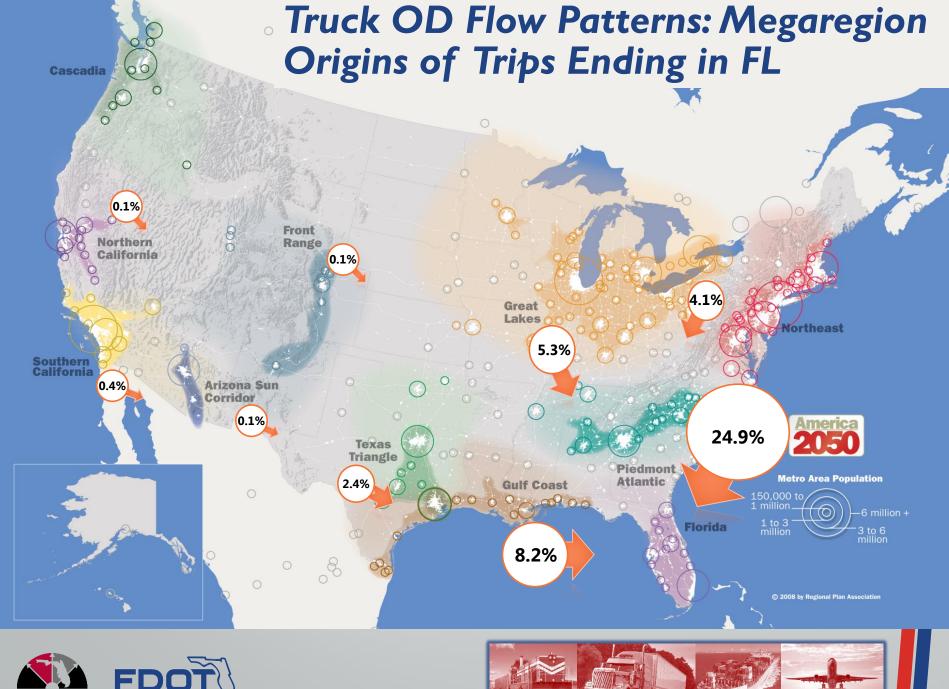
Trip length distribution of 2.7 Million trips derived from 4 Months of ATRI data





# Truck OD Flow Patterns: Origin States of Trips Ending in FL

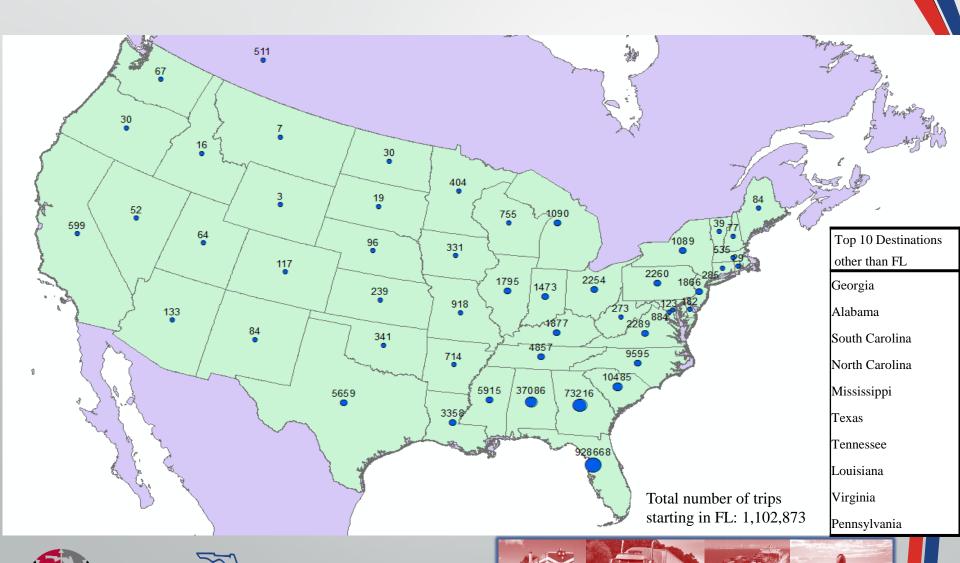


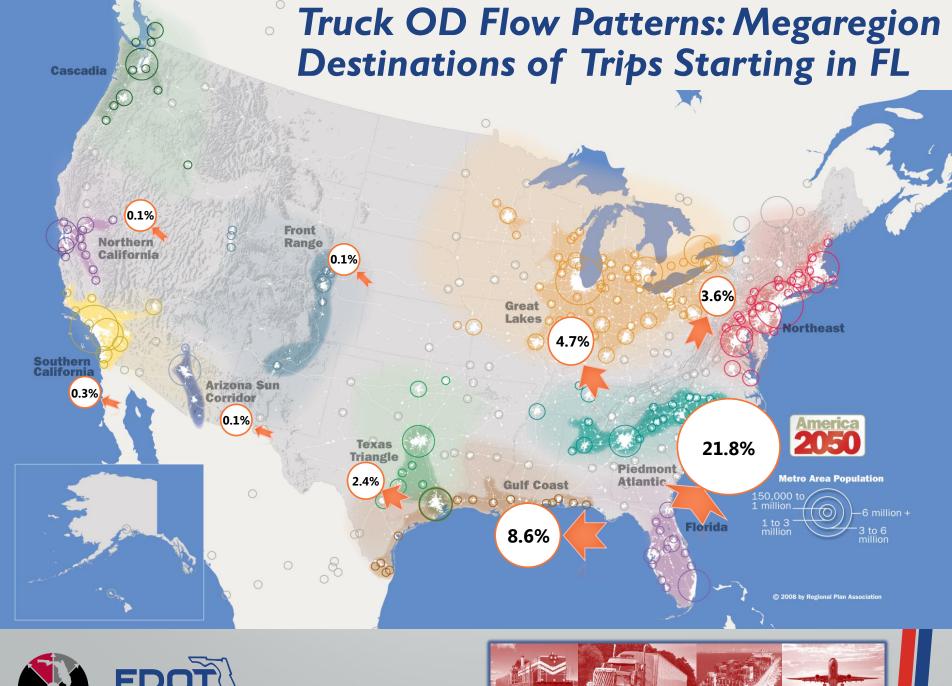






# Truck OD Flow Patterns: Destination States of Trips Starting in FL



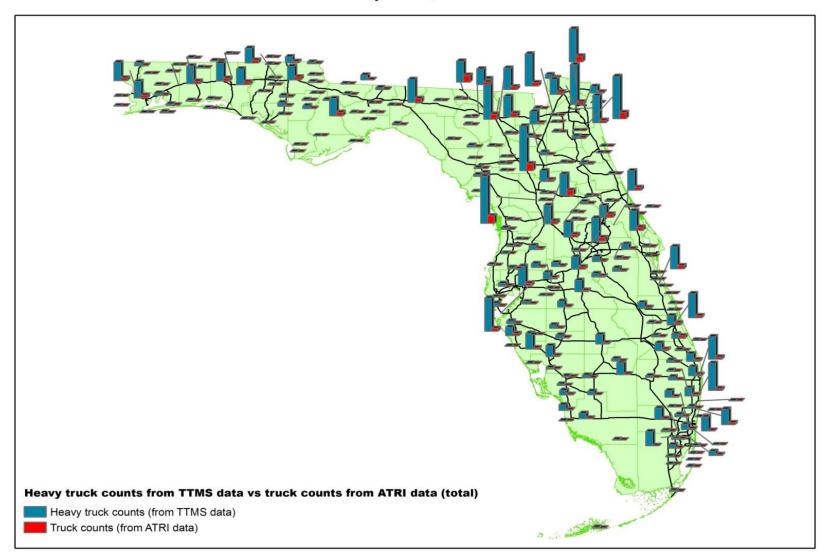






# How Much Heavy-Truck Traffic in Florida is Covered by the OD Tables from the ATRI Data?

Heavy truck (class 9 - 13) counts from TTMS data vs truck counts from ATRI data May 9-15, 2010



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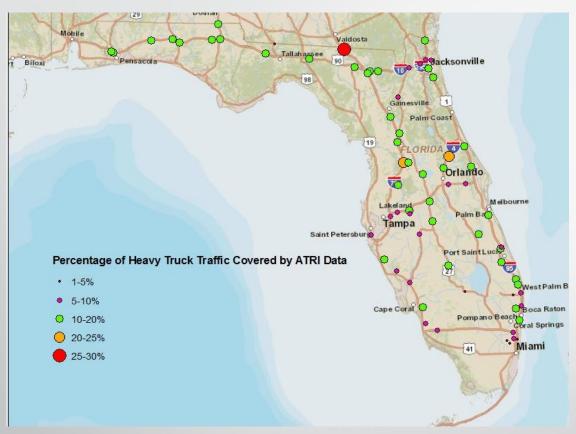
Facility Type	No. of TTMS Traffic Counting stations	Observed TTMS Truck Traffic Volumes	Truck Traffic Volumes in ATRI data	% Coverage assuming ATRI data comprises trucks of class 8- 13
Freeways & Expressways	29 (18.1%)	1,063,765 (65.6%)	111,608 (68.3%)	10.5%
Divided Arterials	64 (40.0%)	333,791 (20.6%)	30,472 (18.6%)	9.1%
Undivided Arterials	52 (32.5%)	101,066 (6.2%)	6,969 (4.3%)	6.9%
Collectors	8 (5.0%)	42,164 (2.6%)	5,127 (3.1%)	12.2%
Toll Facilities	7 (4.4%)	80,493 (5.0%)	9,291 (5.7%)	11.5%
Total	160	1,621,279	163,467	10.1%

 At the aggregate level, ATRI data represents about 10% of heavy truck traffic volumes in Florida





### Geographical Coverage of ATRI data



Percentage of Heavy Truck (Class 8-13) Traffic Volumes Represented by ATRI Data at different TTMS locations in Florida, during May 9-15, 2010





### **OD Matrix Estimation of Statewide Truck Flows**

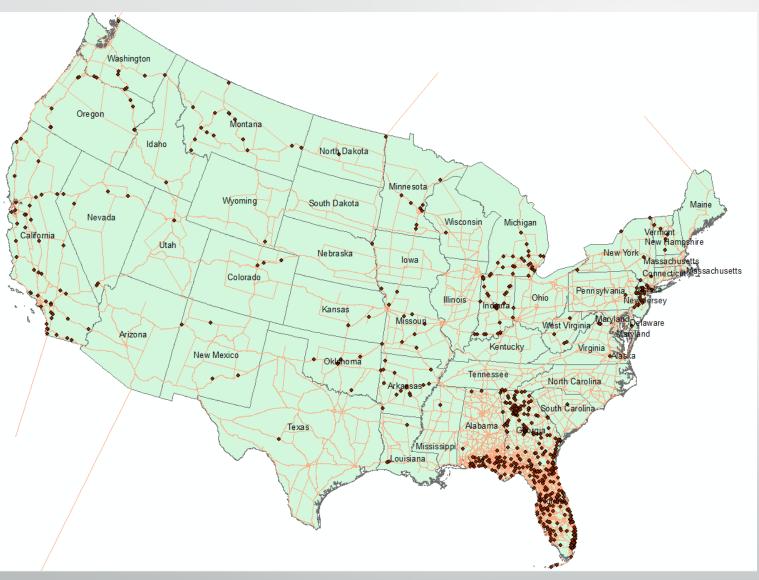
- The OD patterns shown so far are from a sample of trips (although it's a large sample)
- The ATRI data does not comprise the census of all heavy trucks in the state
- Perform OD Matrix Estimation (ODME) to...

"Inflate" the **sample** OD table to a **census** (i.e., full) OD table such that, when loaded onto the network, the resulting flows match with observed truck traffic counts at different locations.





# Truck Traffic Count Locations Used for ODME

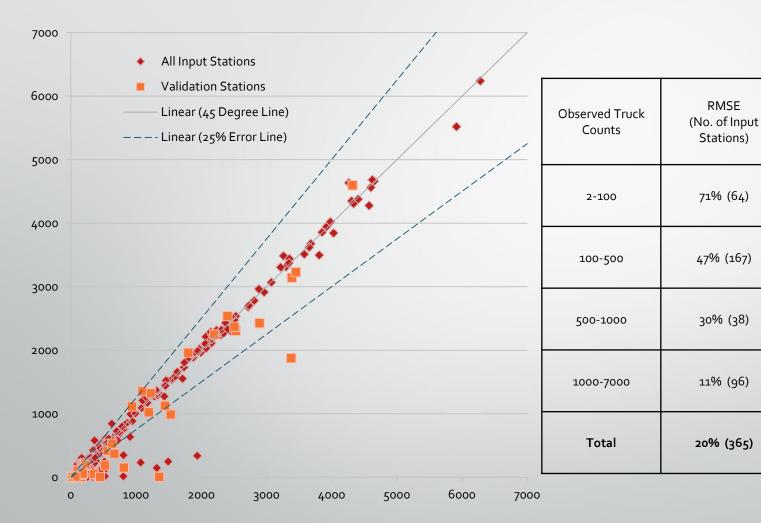


State         # sites           FL         413           GA         270           CA         55           IN         55           MI         32           AR         30           NJ         30	
GA 270 CA 55 IN 55 MI 32 AR 30	
CA 55 IN 55 MI 32 AR 30	
IN 55 MI 32 AR 30	
MI 32 AR 30	
AR 30	
NI 30	
143	
MO 17	
MT 17	
OR 13	
NV 12	
ОК 12	
WA 10	
MN 11	
WV 8	
AL 8	
Total 1048	





### Estimated vs. Observed Truck Volumes in FL





**RMSE** 

(No. of

validation

Stations)

105% (11)

70% (20)

25% (17)

38% (48)

**RMSE** 

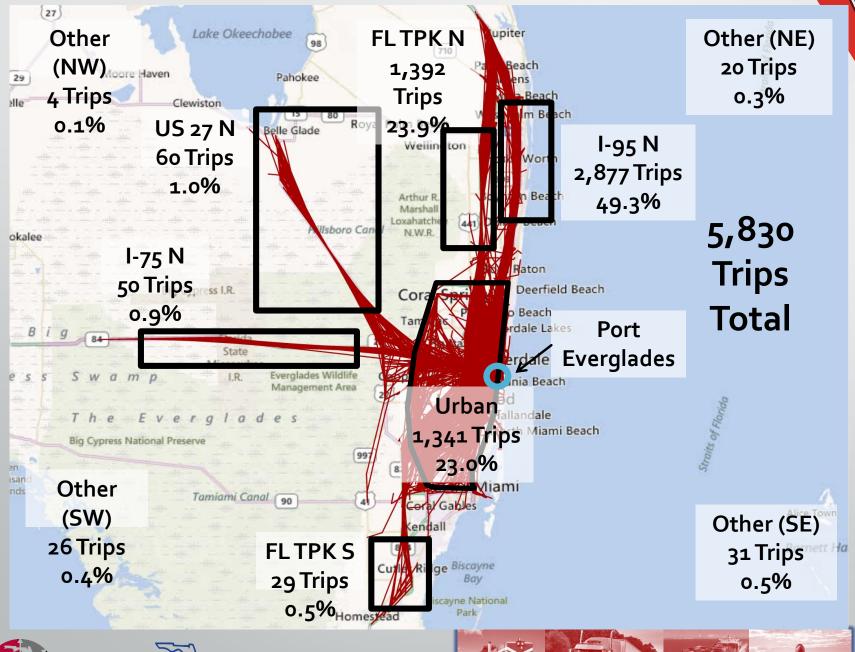


## Analysis of Truck Flows from Port Everglades













### **Thoughts for Way Forward**

- There is an opportunity to use the data to extract truck travel patterns within a region
  - A small but useful portion of trucks in the data are smaller trucks, which are more likely to be local delivery and distribution trucks
  - ATRI's estimate: 11% of their database are trucks of class 7 or lower, 6% are straight trucks or box-trucks
- Combining the "truck flows" derived from ATRI data with the "commodity flows" derived from Transearch and other data sources
  - To bring together the strengths of both data sources
  - To derive truck flows for different industries/commodities





#### THANK YOU!

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